

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4 and 5 as follows:

(A copy of the marked-up version of amended claims 4 and 5 are attached to this Amendment.)

4. (Amended) A device according to Claim 3, wherein said capacitor is discharged until the voltage of said capacitor is equal to the value of the actual voltage of the battery.

5. (Amended) A method for supplying electricity to a motor vehicle, comprised the steps of:

providing a rechargeable battery having a nominal voltage;

providing an energy accumulator having a maximum voltage which is substantially greater than said nominal voltage;

discharging said energy accumulator until the voltage of said accumulator is substantially equal to said nominal voltage of said rechargeable battery.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the new Abstract of the Disclosure submitted herewith on a separate page for the original Abstract presently in the application.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and discussion below.

The present invention is designed to provide an improved device for supplying electricity to a motor vehicle so that any excess energy which is available for a short period of time can be used to charge a vehicle battery and